



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DSBJ-CDR (100)

29 September 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DENTAL PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Dental Activity (DENTAC) Policy Letter #99-19
-- Policy on Dental Care for the Other than Active Duty (OTAD)
Beneficiary

1. This memorandum provides DENTAC policy on the dental care for the OTAD beneficiary. OTAD dental care will be limited to the following:

- a. Emergency dental care.
- b. Dental care needed as an adjunct to ongoing medical treatment.
- c. Community health promotion and prevention activities.

2. DENTAC staff will use the following factors to determine the extent of emergency care provided to the OTAD beneficiary:

- a. Availability of the OTAD beneficiary's civilian dentist of record to provide the necessary emergency care.

- b. Seriousness of the emergency condition as determined by the evaluating dentist. Factors include patient's current and past medical history and the extent or intensity of pain, infection or injury.

- c. Availability of DENTAC ancillary staff and facilities. However, all eligible OTAD beneficiaries requesting emergency care at our DENTAC will receive, as a minimum, a dentist's evaluation.

- d. The clinical skills required to safely and effectively treat the condition.

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3. Emergency care may require subsequent follow-up patient evaluation or treatment to ensure complete amelioration of the emergency condition.

4. If the patient has a local civilian dentist of record, following treatment the attending DENTAC dentist will telephonically inform this local dentist of the emergency care provided and acknowledge this notification by entry in the patient's outpatient dental treatment record filed at Runion Dental Clinic. DENTAC staff will also recommend the patient receive subsequent routine care from his/her civilian dentist of choice.

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